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	Filing Date	April 15, 1999	
	First Named Inventor	Michael A. Fischer	
	Title	EARLY SUPPRESSION FAST RESPONSE FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER	
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iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

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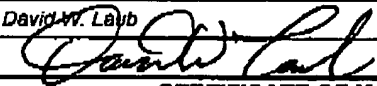
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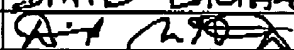
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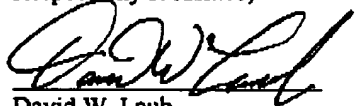
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